(c) There are no autonomous bodies under CSIR. Like SERC, CSIR has 36 more research laboratories Institutes.

(d) and (e) CSIR has mechanism to continuously monitor performance of its Laboratories/ Institutes. The functioning of each laboratory is reviewed periodically by the respective Research Council (RC) for their performance wherein all resources including budget are considered. Further, a Performance Appraisal Board (PAB) is constituted by CSIR to review the performance of each Laboratory/Institute every 5 years. Expert groups such as RCs and PAB by recommend merger of Laboratories/Institutes in order to maximize the synergies among them.

Grant-in-aid for schools for Scheduled Caste children

1445. SHRI GANDHI AZAD: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the essential requirements to get grant-in-aid to start new project of residential/non-residential schools for Scheduled Caste children;

(b) whether NGO/Trust for such schools should be more than two years old;

(c) the details of new projects received from 31st March to 30th June, 2007 from UP/ Delhi/Haryana Governments for residential schools;

(d) whether all the concerned NGOs were asked to complete the deficiencies/requirements before rejecting/sending back the project to the State Governments, out of the projects received; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (e) The proposals of the organizations, which are registered and actively working for 2 years in their sectors and recommended by Grants-in-aid Committee constituted by the respective State Governments, are considered for release of grants by the Government. No such proposal was received from the Grant-in-aid Committee of these States during this period.

Selection of NGOs for grants

1446. KUMARI NIRMALA DESHPANDE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether selection of NGOs, for receiving grant, is done by the Central Government or the State Governments; and

(b) what is the ratio of selection by the two?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) and (b) The grant in aid to the NGOs were being released on the basis of recommendations/Inspection Reports of the State Governments/UT Administrations. From the current financial year, central assistance will be released to the NGOs after the receipt of the consolidated recommendations (both for ongoing and new cases) from Multi Disciplinary Grant in aid Committees of the States/UTs.